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whereby when said door is moved relative to said door frame means so as to increase the width of said covered gap on one side of the door, said bent re-entrant coiled portions of said protective sheet-like member unbend outwardly in a spring-like manner to cause said protective sheet-like member to gradually expand in the width direction of said increased width covered gap such that said substantially central portion is over said gap to thereby shield said gap to prevent entry of body parts into said gap, said bent re-entrant portions gently re-bending inwardly in a spring-like manner for gradually contracting said protective sheet-like member in the width direction of said gap when said door is moved in a direction to decrease the width of said covered gap.

2. The protective device of claim 1 wherein said substantially central portion of said protective sheet-like member is substantially free of bent re-entrant portions.

3. The protective device of claim 1, wherein said attaching means comprises adhesive means for attaching said lateral edge portions of said protective sheet-like member to said door and to said door frame means.

4. The protective device of claim 1, wherein said protective sheet-like member extends vertically for substantially the complete height of said gap.

5. The protective device of claim 1, wherein said protective sheet-like member is semi-rigid.

6. The protective device of claim 1, further comprising a further protective sheet-like member substantially

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similar to the first-mentioned protective sheet-like member, said respective protective sheet-like members being attached to opposite sides of said door to respectively cover the front and rear face gaps at said hinged side of said door.

7. The protective device claim 1, wherein each of said bent re-entrant portions comprises an inwardly directed portion in said protective sheet-like member between a pair of gently curved coiled portions, said inwardly directed portion extending in the vertical direction of said protective member.

8. The protective device of claim 7, wherein said inwardly directed fold is a single portion.

9. The protective device of claim 8, wherein said protective sheet-like member is substantially coiled in the portions thereof extending from said single fold, to thereby provide a recoiling portion in the vicinity of said re-entrant portion.

10. The protective device of claim 9, wherein said recoiling portion is coiled inwardly toward said gap when said gap is in minimum width, and wherein said recoiling portion expands to uncoil said coiled portions when said gap increases in width from said minimum width.

11. The protective device in claim 9, wherein said attaching means comprises adhesive means for attaching said lateral edge portions of said protective sheet-like member to said door and to said door frame means.

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